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In re Patent Application of:)
Masahiro KUME et al.)
Serial No. 09/504,782)
Filed: February 15, 2000)
For: SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE,)
OPTICAL DISK APPARATUS AND)
OPTICAL INTEGRATED UNIT)

Examiner Delma R. Flores Ruiz
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Sir:

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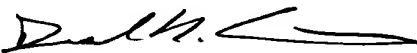
Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Reasons for Rejection dated April 8, 2003, for a corresponding Japanese patent application together with the references cited therein. Please note JP 06-152046, JP 07-335969, JP 09-083067, JP 09-205253, JP 09-232685, JP 49-

104590 and JP 62-282474 were previously filed on October 11, 2002 and therefore these references are not provided. Additionally, JP 07-321406 was filed on February 15, 2000 and this reference is not provided.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initial a copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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